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SUBJECT: ISRAELI HIJACKING OF LEBANESE AIRLINER

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE GIVEN TO AMBASSADOR AT FONOFF
0800Z TODAY. UNDERSTAND GOL IS FURNISHING SAME NOTE TO
ALL UNSC MEMBER STATES.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. THE FACTS SURROUNDING THE HIJACKING ARE THOSE GIVEN
IN THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY ARMY HEADQUARTERS (SEE FBIS
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2. THIS ACT IS AN ACT OF AGGRESSION AGAINST LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY, AS WELL AS AGAINST LEBANESE AIR SPACE.

3. IT COMPRISES AN ACT OF PIRACY BY A STATE (PIRATERIE D'ETAT) WHICH IS A MEMBER STATE OF THE UN.

4. THE SERIOUSNESS OF THIS ACT CANNOT BE MITIGATED BY THE FACT THAT NONE OF THE PASSENGERS OF THE AIRCRAFT WAS KILLED OR WOUNDED, NOR CAN THE GRAVITY OF THIS CRIME BE MITIGATED BY THE FACT THE AIRCRAFT WAS RETURNED. AN ACT OF AVIATION PIRACY COMMITTED BY A STATE MEMBER OF THE UN MUST BE CONSIDERED AN EXTREMELY GRAVE CRIME.

5. THE CONVENTIONS SIGNED IN TOKYO, THE HAGUE AND MONTREAL ENVISAGE PUNISHMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO UNDERTAKE AERIAL HI-JACKING. THEY DO NOT ADDRESS THEMSELVES TO STATES WHICH CARRY OUT SUCH ACTS, SINCE IT NEVER OCCURRED TO ANYONE THAT A STATE MEMBER OF THE UN WOULD COMMIT SO SERIOUS AN ACTION.

6. THIS SUBJECT FALLS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. FOR THIS REASON, LEBANON IS SUBMITTING A COMPLAINT TO THE SC AND RESERVES ITS RIGHT TO REQUEST THE CONVENING OF A COUNCIL MEETING. NO SUCH MEETING HAS YET BEEN REQUESTED SINCE THE LEBANESE AUTHORITIES ARE STILL STUDYING THIS.

7. A DECISION WILL BE TAKEN TODAY ON WHETHER TO REFER THE MATTER TO ICAO.

8. AMBASSADORS ARE ASKED TO:

(A) BRING THE ABOVE LEBANESE VIEWPOINT AND THE FACTS OF THE SITUATION TO THE ATTENTION OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS;

(B) REQUEST THE SUPPORT OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS FOR LEBANON, ESPECIALLY IF IT IS DECIDED TO REQUEST THE HOLDING OF A SC MEETING;

(C) REQUEST THE SUPPORT OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS FOR LEBANON'S COMPLAINT IN ICAO.

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